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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/578,774 Confirmation No. 6194  
Applicant : Hamdan Halimaton  
Filed : November 10, 2003  
Title : Improvements in Silica Aerogels  
Examiner : Daniel S. Metzmaier  
Group Art Unit : 1796  
Docket No. : PIN.00006

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 27, 2010, please amend the claims as follows and consider the accompanying remarks. A complete listing of all claims pending in the application is included in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.